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OUR CIRCULATION.

The Record issues one thousand copies of the first number, and will state each week the number of copies circulated. We will not keep a standing guarantee, and forgetting about it, fall far short of the figure. We will always be prepared to verify any statement made. The Record will never overstate its circulation, and the figures given may always be implicitly relied on.

EXPLANATION.

Much of the matter in this issue has been in type two weeks and is a little late of publication, but we do not think this number of The Record would be complete without a report of the Dominion day celebration, as well as the presentations to the Presbyterian and Methodist pastors, and other matter. Our purpose was to commence publication the first week in July, but we were hindered by circumstances over which we had no control. We have had many difficulties to contend with in issuing this number, and it is not as complete as future editions will be. We have not made a thorough canvas of our business men for advertisements, as we preferred to show a paper which breaks the record for local news in these towns. As we are confident of an entrance into all the homes of the people of the trio towns and district, we have no doubt the discretion of our merchants and others will lead them to use our advertising columns. We have not printed a large sheet, but have filled it with readable matter, which is of more consequence. As the advertisements increase so will our size. The local reading matter will in no case be curtailed. We have selected Saturday for publication day, because we deem it the best day to issue at this point for various reasons: It is the end of the week, the day for home purchases, and for outside visitors to reach here. The Record will be delivered to subscribers in the three towns during the day, and kept on sale at a number of places of business easy of access.

SPECIAL OFFER.

While we have fixed our rate of subscription at $1.50 per annum, we have decided to make a special offer to hold good during the balance of 1891. To all who pay their subscriptions in advance we will send The Record till the end of 1892 for $1.50, which is equal to giving the balance of the present year free on payment of one year's subscription. Now, friends, hand in your names, and ask your neighbors to do likewise. We are after a big list, and are determined to get there.

—Our member in the Dominion House is already being complimented on the rigidity of his spinal column.

—Ontario's plucky little premier, Hon. O. Mowat, says Hunter's Island belongs to this province, notwithstanding the bluff that has lately been given by some of Uncle Sam's noisy citizens. Should there be a contest for its ownership, no doubt there would be, not opposite contention, but a union of the Dominion and provincial authorities to maintain Canadian possession. With such a combination against him Sam may as well shut up. Hunter's Island is ours, and don't [illegible]

GREETING.

The Weekly Record herewith makes its bow to the public of Rat Portage, Keewatin, Norman and surrounding district. On entering the journalistic arena it is proper in some measure to outline what characteristics are proposed to be given this new candidate for public favor. It will be our constant endeavor to make the interests of the trio towns and district of the first importance, believing as we do that our hidden mineral wealth is on the eve of great practical development, which will produce wonderful results, and that our extensive lumbering industries will continue to enjoy that large prosperity which is now the chief support of our population. Our immense water power, though as yet only used in a small degree, is now driving the largest flouring mill on the continent, besides saw mills, and its capabilities are still unmeasured. Here will be centered the manufacturing institutions that will supply the wants of the numerous population that is filling the vast prairies of the west. A glance into the future cannot fail to inspire the confidence that the prosperity of the Lake of the Woods embryo cities will continue to flow in an ever increasing volume.

The proprietor of The Record had the honor of establishing the first bona fide newspaper in Rat Portage in the fall of 1880, the old and well and favorably remembered Progress. In the second year of publication the business was sold to Messrs. Alexander & Claus who continued it for three years to the credit of themselves and the place. They sold it to a company which found difficulty in securing suitable managers, and after a number of changes, the business passed into the hands of the present proprietor who changed the name. When we were publishing The Progress it was well patronized by the then population, but the place was so small that it was neces- [illegible] gage in other business reasons. But Rat Portage has made a wonderful growth; Keewatin and Norman, its sister towns, are now places of importance, and the general prospects of the district give promise of substantial development in the near future. The time has arrived when a first class, live newspaper is required to properly represent the extent and enterprise of the trio towns. To supply this demand we have brought in a printing plant and launched The Record on the ocean of journalism, and we believe we will not rely in vain on a discerning public for a liberal patronage.

In politics our predilections are with the Conservative party, but we will not assume to give the same importance to partyism that is given by the leading journals of the large cities. The interests of the district will be in general of greater importance to us than party politics. Still we will never be neutral on any question or silent when it is necessary to speak. When true men are contending for right principles we will be found in the fray, using facts and arguments and avoiding personalities or cause of offence to opponents. Men of honor in both parties regard the proper discussion of public questions as the best means of arriving at correct conclusions, and on this basis we take our stand, not as an organ, but as an exponent of [illegible]

THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Much has been said and written about the past, present and future of Canada. There are still writers to be found who take a strongly pessimistic view of the position of the Dominion. There are not wanting those who say "Confederation is a failure" and that it is doomed sooner or later to go to pieces. The act of Confederation was a grand conception which brought together and united for the time the best men of all political shades for the purpose of perfecting and accomplishing the federation. The Dominion was first confined to that portion of British America lying east of the great lakes, but soon young Canada reached out to the shores of the Pacific and consolodated a new nation from ocean to ocean and embracing half a continent. Let those who are disposed to whine about what they are pleased to call our slow growth make a comparison, not with the United States of the present, but with the corresponding period in the history of our southern neighbor, and they will find that Canada's growth and development has not only been more rapid, but more substantial than that of the United States for the first twenty-four years. Compare our continental highway, our canals, our merchant marine, and other national enterprises with theirs even now, and in our youth we rank higher than they do in their prime. In the face of the facts can any one say we have not a grand future before us as a Dominion. Though still as it were in our early youth we possess the elements of great strength. Our foundations are well laid. We possess a governmental system of great adaptability. Our institutions are founded on broad and liberal bases, and nothing but some extraordinary act of folly can prevent us from realizing what was at one time regarded as a Utopian prophecy—"Canada, the greater Britain." Thoughour history is a comparitively short one, it is full of grand achievements, and with a glow of national pride we may well look forward with confidence to a high and glorious destiny.

OUR DOMINION.

In referring to Dominion Day, as the anniversary of Confederation, the Fredericton Reporter says: The years have brought a good many changes, but we believe that they have been largely for the best. Confederation may not have been a panacea for all the ills of life, but it has given an impetus to business, and we believe has been an important factor in improvements and increase in trade. We may also assert that in other respects we would have been far behind our present position and our people would have grown up with narrow views accustomed to isolation, and with their horizon bounded by the narrow limits of the Province. Now a Canadian knows that he belongs to a country which rests on both great oceans. He knows that he can traverse the continent from Halifax to Victoria without touching any other soil but that of Canada; that he can remove from here to a point 3,000 miles distant and still remain a Canadian and under the same flag which floats over him here. All these things lead to a higher national life and to nobler aspirations than it is possible to feel among a people who are small and insignificant and without hope of any increase of growth. Confederation we regard now as firmly established as the union of the United States. It can never be broken up unless the people of Canada in some moment of madness conclude to change their allegiance and join that nation which has been the life long enemy of Great Britain, and too improbable to be taken seriously into consideration. We firmly believe the present Confederation is but the prelude to a much greater one which will embrace the whole British Empire, and that fifty years hence when Imperial Federation is accomplished and when the people are celebrating its anniversary, its enemies will be as thoroughly silenced and as contemptible as the enemies of the Canadian Confederation to-day.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

The New York Independent has the following with regard to the future of Canada:

"There is no country in the wide world in which so much can be accomplished in the last decade of the century, for the benefit of mankind, as in Canada. This is a broad statement; but when the progress made in the United States in the twenty years preceding is recalled, a measure is afforded by which to judge what might be accomplished in Canada if the same conditions are allowed to prevail. If, therefore, this same relative progress can be made in Canada as in the United States no greater achievement in the shape of growth and development can take place in the world at large than will be shown on the northern part of the continent in the next ten years.

"Canada is peculiarly a land of surprises, and possesses more latent stores of wealth-producing power than any other country in the world. Aside from her great possessions in five thousand miles of coast-line fisheries, her almost limitless timber regions, her ninety-seven thousand square miles of coal, her vast iron deposits, her silver and gold mines, she has other minerals in a variety nowhere else to be found. This is instanced in the matter of nickel, of which deposits are now found to be of enormous proportions, and which metal is likely to be brought into use to a degree never before dreamed of. The latest and best development in this line are the tests in armour plates at Annapolis and subsequently at Pittsburg, by which it is ascertained that an alloy of nickel with steel will make guns unburstable, and armour plate impenetrable. Much that has been hoped for in the aluminum, which in the dim distance has been dreamed possible, nickel will immediately perform in strength, density, and perfection of the metal. In asbestos, mica, gypsum, phosphates, platinum, and the numerous other minerals, Canada abounds; but all these are unimportant compared with her food producing forces. For it is a fact already dawning upon the minds of thinking men, that the exhaustation of arable lands, within the Union itself threatens within a very brief period to make this vast country, agricultural as it is, dependant upon outside sources for supplies of food. Vast areas beyond the borders, like the Valley of the Saskatchewan, which Lord Selkirk said would sustain a population of thirty millions, are available in Canada; and it is from this source that the great wheat supplies must be had for the food of the people, for the employment of transportation facilities, the manufacture of flour, and the creation of new markets. So that what occurs in the next ten years in Canada has a direct bearing upon the future food supply of the United States. If within fifty years the population of this country will, as it is claimed, reach two hundred and fifty millions, and if the wheat areas have already reached their limit in the northern tier, from what other source is the supply of the bread of the world to be had, except the provisions which Nature has made in that singular conjunction, whereby in the most northern latitudes the longest summer days prevail, with the fructifying influences resulting from constant exudation of frost from the ground beneath?"

—The election of Mr. Geo. H. Macdonell, M. P. for Algoma, has been protested. There has been pleading in certain quarters, we do not know with what authority, for the withdrawal of the petition against Mr. Cameron, M.P.P. for West Al- [illegible]

—Canadian Pacific earnings for May, 1891, were: Gross earnings, $1,602,920; working expenses, $1,018,281; net profits, $579,639. In May, 1890, the net profits, 477,965. For the five months ending May 31st, 1891, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, $7,424,988; working expenses, $5,072,279; net profits, $2,325,909. For the five months ending May 21st, 1890, the net profits were $1,675,258. The earnings and expenses of the New Brunswick railway are included in both years.

—The Mail's Montreal correspondent, says a Liberal member of the House of Commons, in conversation said opinion was divided in the Liberal party at Ottawa as to whether the session should be prolonged. There was a strong feeling among the ranks not to harass the government uselessly as their was nothing to be gained from a party point of view. They believe it would be better to bring the House to a close as soon as the most vital questions are disposed of, so as to enable the quarrelling to commence on the redistribution of portfolios. A rumor is gaining current, he said, that Abbott will offer his seat in the Senate to Dr. Christie, of Argenteuil, whose election is contested and run himself for that division, the premier feeling it necessary he should have a seat in the popular chamber.

—An Ottawa dispatch says Mr. Dewdney has introduced a bill to amend the Northwest Territories act which he said was substantially the same as last year. It provides for the elections of members of the legislative assembly for three years; the abolition of the Advisory Council and legal experts; gives to the assembly control of the liquor question; grants a lump sum of money to the assembly; provides for the establishment of jails and penitentiaries; makes it illegal for any one to have liquor in his possession without a permit in his own name. Section 110, respecting dual language, is altered in accordance with the resolution of the last session. The legislative assembly is given the same power as the provinces with regard to licenses. No provision is made for an executive.

—In the course of an editorial article on the Hudson Bay Railway, the Globe says: "If the road should fulfil half the expectations formed of it, it would destroy the Canadian Pacific main line between Winnipeg and Montreal by directing all the freight of the Northwest to a northern sea. Even that consideration does not stagger the "hustlers." There is a bonus in sight, and they are after it. The firm of Macdonald and Tupper, of Winnipeg, has already filed a claim for $80,000 for services rendered. In the bonus given the first vote that costs a postoffice grant of $80,000 a year will soon blossom into another sum. In fact, if Hugh Sutherland cannot induce the English investor to swallow his hook, the Canadian tax payers may be let in for the entire cost of building the line from Winnipeg to York Factory and of equipping steamships to do battle with the ice. All that the hustlers have to do is to keep the project on the boards to make it an issue before the electors of Manitoba. A compromise Cabinet, with a majority of only 20, cannot afford to resist pressure though every member of it may know that the undertaking is without merit save as a vast rat-hole for the absorbing of money.

CANADIANS, HOLD YOUR OWN.

Canadians, hold your own!
Childhood and youth are flown,
Idly away.
Herald of life begun,
Visions prophetic won,
Slumber and dreaming done,
Breaketh the day!

Wake! 'Tis your country's cry—
Proud destiny is nigh,
Lo, at the door!
Though craven hearts would wait
Through lingering doubt [illegible]
[illegible]
From shore to shore.

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Be this your pride:
Land, where your fathers fought—
Land, with their [illegible] bought—
[illegible]
What [illegible]

Canadians hold your own!
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RAT PORTAGE.

"The Saratoga of the West."

TOWN TOPICS.

—"Standing room only" will soon be hung out at Coney Island, if the arrivals continue at the present ratio for another week or two. Every available building and shack is taken as well as numerous tents pitched.

—The C. P. R. Lihuny excursion promises to beat the record. A splendid program of sports is being prepared, and will shortly be published. The Rat Portage band will be in attendance, while for dancing purposes the Winnipeg Italian string band will be on hand. Monday the 27th is the day fixed upon for the outing.

—Mr. Chas. Sterling's boat house has just received a splendid addition to its numerous fleet of pleasure craft. The boat is a family lap-streak of cedar finished in walnut, and furnished with beautiful plush cushions and will easily carry ten persons. It was built specially for the Lake of the Woods, and cost, together with a smaller boat of the same kind, $150.

—Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of prisons and public charities under the local government, has been here during the week in connection with business matters relating to his department. Before leaving he expressed his intention of recommending the building of a new stone registry office for Rat Portage. As this matter has been under the consideration of the government for some time, there is no doubt but that it will now be carried out. The office will be second to none in the country, and will be quite an addition to our Main Street properly. Needless to say that Mr. A. John is congratulating himself accordingly.

—Our hotels are doing a rushing business just now accomodating the large influx of visitors. Year by year, as the beauties of the Lake of the Woods become known, the number of holiday makers increases. Many of them are heard to express great delight at the magnificence of the scenery of the lake, some going so far as to say that it is unequalled by anything on the continent. This sentiment only echoes expressions of opinions we have heard from travellers thoroughly acquainted with all the famous beauty spots of America. Undoubtedly Lake of the Woods bids fair to become the watering place par excellence of the great Northwest.

—An attendance at the meetings of the municipal council will reveal a most systematic and thoroughly business like method of conducting civic affairs, which would be a credit to more pretentious places. The motions are all put in writing before being made, thus avoiding much waste of time in routine and giving ample opportunity for full consideration without making prolonged sessions of the council necessary. On making enquiries as to the powers of the council, we realized that they are too limited in certain directions. Has not the time arrived when it might be to the advantage of the citizens generally to take steps toward seeking incorporation as a town?

—Mr. J. K. Wright who has been a continuous resident here during the last few years, has gone to Sleepy Eye, Min., his home, on a visit. Mr. Wright is one of the few who has all along believed in the future of our city as a mining centre. His faith in this respect has never faltered, even when the outlook was darkest, and when the most hopeful of us were inclined to smile incredulously and sneer at the mere whisper of indications and leads. In the work which is about to be commenced on the Sultana Island, Mr. Wright sees the reward of his patience and persistent effort to secure a fair chance for our district to show what it can do as a producer of minerals. He now goes home, and will return in a week or two to assist in carrying on the development and working of the Gold Hill property.

—A blue look out—a berrying party.

—The Reed Fish Co. have built a new fishery on Buffalo Bay.

—Mr. Wm. Gibbins, and old Rat Portager, was here on a visit last week.

—Mr. Elliott is importing a new hearse, which he expects will arrive next week.

—Commencing next week The Record will give a complete list of the hotel registers.

—In the hurry of make up Rat Portage advertisements were misplaced on Keewatin page.

—Dean Grisdale and a large party of lady friends arrived here on Thursday on pleasure bent.

—Capts. Hurebottle and Johnson, government steam boat inspectors, have been visiting us officially during the week.

—Capt. Mosher has purchased the steamer Chieftain. She left for Fort Francis on the evening of the 15th carrying the mail.

—Billy Caldwell's illumination in celebration of the launch of the Regina was a great success and attracted much attention.

—At the monthly business meeting of the Epworth League on Monday evening has a number of new members were added to the roll.

—Mr. Wm. Gardner is in town. He has been in charge of the H. B. Co.'s post at Savanne, which post has done a large fur trading business the past season.

—The engraving showing so well out the tea services presented to the Presbyterian and Methodist pastors was done by Mr. D. T. Ferguson with his superior appliances.

—The first shipment of blueberries to Winnipeg was made on Wednesday last by Mr. A. Gibson. The berries are now selling in the Prairie city at 15 cents per pound.

—The verdict in the Lavoie license case is evidentally not very satisfactory to the Temperance people as they have given instructions to their solicitor to appeal the case.

—Mr. R. W. deLambert, of Brainerd, Minn, was here on business last week. He went up the Rainy river, it is said, in connection with the United States timber department.

—Mr. C. J. Hollands, the reeve of the newly erected municipality on Rainy River, was in town last week. He returned leaving here on Saturday by the steamer Highland Maid.

—We heard it remarked the other evening that the C. P. R. employees, with headquarters at Rat Portage, were as a whole the finest, most intelligent and obliging set of men on the line.

—We intend shortly giving the experience of our John Smith in visiting the various business establishments in town when fitting up his new palatial residence and supplying the family larder for his numerous progeny.

—It speaks well for the literary taste of our people, said Mr. Meikle the book agent to our reporter the other day, that the sales effected by me are all books of a high standard. Trashy works or cheap novels don't go worth a cent. The favorite authors here are the best names in the language in the different branches of their art, Gibbon, Thackeray, Dickens, Carlisle, etc.

—Rat Portage Council, No. 3, R. of T., installed the following officers for the ensuing term, on on the 3rd inst.:—Select Councilor, Bro. D. McMurphy; Vice Councillor, Sis. H. McLeod; Past Councillor, Bro. D. M. Thom; Chaplain, Bro. J. Sholdice; Secretary, Bro. J. Stephens; Financial Secretary, Sis. W. Whitaker; Treas., Bro. J. Wellington; Herald, Bro. A. McKay; Guard, Bro. D. Ana; Sentinel, Bro. J. Eastwood.

—Dean Grisdale will preach in St. Alban's Church on Sunday evening.

—The Presbyterian Sunday school held their annual picnic on Thursday on Sandy Beach, and spent a very pleasant time.

—Word has been received here that Mr. Chas. F. Eschweiler may be expected here in a few days to continue operations on the Stuart mine.

—Mr. W. H. Knowles, from Hurley, Wis., is here representing capitalists, looking over mining properties in this district with a view to purchase.

—Mr. Hickson, representing Hickson, Duncan & Co., and Mr. Walter Crowe, of H. A. Nelson & Sons, Toronto, have been doing the city in fancy goods and report business good.

—The artistic skill of pen and brush of our ubiquitous friend, Mr. Geo. Mitchell, showed to excellent advantage in the addresses presented to the Methodist and Presbyterian pastor.

—Mr. Chas. Sterling has sold his handsome pair of baby moose to Mr. LeClair of the Reed Fish Co. The price paid was one hundred dollars, and both parties are hugging themselves over their bargain. The moose will be moved into the States where Mr. LeClair will have no difficulty of disposing of them at a big profit.

—A boating accident on the bay caused quite a ripple of excitement on Thursday last. It appears that four men were out sailing when one of them feeling a little exhilarant climbed the mast to adjust the flag and turned the boat completely over. All of the men could swim, and managed to secure a hold on the upturned boat where they clung until assistance arrived.

—The popular Mr. Ham McMicken, together with his wife and a numerous party of friends, have been visiting us during the week. The weather somewhat marred the pleasure of their outing; but they enjoyed themselves immensely for all that, and made things pretty lively around the Russel House during their stay. Ham is great fun, his classical recitations never fail to bring down the house.

—Mr. C. E. Neads and Miss Clark, daughter of Mr. P. H. Clark, were married on Wednesday evening last. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father, the Rev. Mr. Jamieson officiating. Mr. Segmiller supported the groom, Miss Clark, of Keewatin, cousin of the bride, acting as bridesmaid. After the knot was duly tied supper was served to a select party of friends. The presents were many and valuable.

—The following gentlemen spent Sunday at the Hilliard: W. H. Schneider, W. D. McBain, F. C. Wade, Ed Barrett, Capt. Swinford and Judge Dubuc. Mr. Schneider is an enthusiastic officer of the Winnipeg troop of Cavalry; Mr. McBain is well known among grain buyers; F. C. Wade is a rising barrister, and president of the Winnipeg Reform Association; Ed. Barrett is the old field captain of the 90th lacrosse players, ex-champions of the Northwest, and steered his team to many a victory; Capt. Swinford is an officer in the 90th, he had a brother killed at Fish Creek; Judge Dubuc is the chief justice of Manitoba.

—Conductor Thompson, of the Wabigoon division, "et caught between the cars yesterday at Eagle River, and was seriously injured. He was moved to his home here as soon as possible. Mr. Arnold kindly sent his carriage down to the station to receive the wounded man and he is now at his residence doing as well as can be expected. Dr. Scovil, who hurried out from the city and brought Mr. Thompson in, is indefatigable in his attentions, he is doing all that can possibly be done to ease the pain and suffering of his patient, and has the best hopes of his ultimate recovery. Great sympathy is expressed for the family of the injured conductor as he is very much liked and respected by a very large circle of friends.

—Judge Lyon, A. Carmichael and Jas. Robinson were at Fort Francis this week.

—Mr. Brodin and family, of the Bank of British North America, are camping on Coney Island.

—Mr. J. F. Caldwell, of Winnipeg, is here this week directing the work on his mine, the Sultana.

—Dr. McDonnell is moving his office across the street into Dr. Scovil's building on the east side of Main.

—Mr. P. C. Mills, jeweller, has taken one of Mr. J. Hose's stores on Second street and will move into it shortly.

—The Biggs house on Coney Island is occupied by Mr. D. K. Elliott and family, of Winnipeg, for the summer.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Savage are here, visiting their son, Mr. J. M. Savage; Miss Arbuthnot, sister of Mrs. Savage, is also here.

—The Royal Templars attended the Methodist church in a body on Sunday last. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. W. N. Jamieson.

—On Thursday morning last a special train of seven Pullmans and baggage car went west. There were on board a large number of Alaska excursionists.

—A lot of cedar telegraph poles have arrived from up the lake for Mr. C. V. Chadwick. He has an order to supply the poles for the Morden, Man., electric light plant.

—Mr. Wm. M. Blanding, of St. Croix Falls, Wis., was here this week on a visit, and is greatly pleased with the appearance and prospects of the town and district.

—Mr. J. W. Colcleugh has received a letter from the Winnipeg St. Andrew's society, thanking the committee and the citizens of Rat Portage generally for the efforts made to entertain them on Dominion Day.

—The moonlight excursion last evening under the Rat Portage Council No. 63, R. T. of T., was a decided success. The string band and choir rendered choice music, and all attending enjoyed themselves.

—By the time the News makes a record and breaks it, it will not have begun to keep in sight the procession being organized one door south of the Russel house. Let "it" make even a little record first and we will show the News how to break it.

—The opening and dedication services of the new Roman Catholic church will be held to-morrow, Sunday, and will be presided over by the most Rev. Emile Giroaard, the new Bishop elect of Athabasca and McKenzie. The sermon in the morning will be by Rev. Father Fox, O.M.I., and at evening vespers by the most Rev. Bishop.

—On Thursday afternoon a heavy crash of thunder startled our Main street citizens. The electric fluid injured the switch board in the central telephone office, and some of the instruments were damaged, but all are again in working order. Mrs. Arthur Woods received a strong shock, but is all right again.

—The following attended court at Port Arthur this week: Sheriff Carpenter, M. F. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McDonald, Arthur Woods, R. P. Murphy, Mr. Ross, Mr. Fogg, and R. A. Duncan. Query: why, would our citizens be compelled to go so far to a court of justice when the court could be brought to them at much less expense.

—A large amount of work is being done this summer on this division of the C. P. R. The old ties on the iron bridges over the two branches of the river here are being replaced by new ones. There is a steam shovel at work at Anderson's pit between Vermillion Bay and Eagle River, and another at Rossland. The material is being used for surfacing and ballasting, and there is a big gang of men under Mr. J. W. Buchanan making a rock cut and fill to divert the road around the lake near Kaimar.

—Mr. Laney Hibbard paid Rat Portage a flying visit this week.

—Mr. Henry Costigan, of the Inland Revenue Department, was in town this week.

—Mr. E. L. Drury and family, of Winnipeg, are rusticating on Coney Island.

—Mr. W. H. McKay, one of our popular citizens, is off east for two months' holidays.

—Look for articles on the Reduction works, Sultana development and other local matter on first page.

—Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of prisons for Ontario, was here this week and selected a site for a new jail. The location selected is on Tunnel Island, across the bay from the town.

—Mr. Linn, the contractor for the reduction works, is expected to arrive here in a few days, when the mill will be handed over to the Company and operations begun in earnest.

—Knox church services to-morrow (Sunday) will be as follows: the Rev. Mr. McLean will preach at 11 o'clock, and the pastor Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., will preach in the evening at 19 o'clock, subject "A great man out of his place."

AROUND THE RESERVES.

—Treaty payments will be made at Lac Seul on the 22nd inst.

—Mr. Frank Gardner is following the treaty payments trading with the Indians.

—Rev. Father Allard is now on his way to establish a Roman Catholic mission at Lac Seul.

—Mr. Alex. Matheson, chief factor of the Hudson Bay Co. in this district, is directing the company's business at the different Indian treaty payments.

—Mr. Geo. W. Williams, known to the Indians as Ketchekego (Big Fish), in charge of the H. B. Co.'s post at Lac Seul, has been in town this week on the business of the Co.

—The Anglican Missionary Society are building a church at Frenchman's head reserve, 12 miles south of Lac Seul. The work is all being done by the Indians under the direction of Rev. Geo. Prewer, missionary. Their crops are looking well.

—The Indian Department has made a regulation this year that only persons having a license would be allowed to trade at the treaty payments this year. This is considered a prudent protection for the benefit of the Indians.

—The Indians of Wabiskong reserve are petitioning the Government to change their reserve to the Matawa of the English river, about 75 miles west of their present location which is 40 miles north of Eagle river station. Their reasons for wishing the change are better soil for cultivation and more fish.

—The old friends of Mr. Geo. McPherson, sen., one of nature's noblemen, were pleased to see him about again on business connected with the Indian Department. He attended to Mr. Pither's treaty payments, while that gentleman went to Lonny River. Mr. McPherson has been ill for some time, but is slowly recovering.

MARRIAGE

—NEADS.—CLARKE.—By the Rev. W. N. Jamieson, at the residence of the bride's father, Louisa Annie, eldest daughter of P. H. Clark, Esq., and Charles Edgar Neads, all of Rat Portage.

GEORGE MITCHELL, Conveyancer, Commissioner, etc., in the N. C. T. Office: Matheson St., Rat Portage.

W. R. HIBBARD, Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, Commissioner, etc. Barrister and Attorney-at-Law of Manitoba. Office: Over Registry Office, Rat Portage, Ont.

CHAS. A. MOORE, Real Estate and Mining Agent. Mining Lands, Paying Property, Town Lots, Houses to Rent and Rents Collected. Agent for R. F. Darling, late Analyst, Analytical Chemist, etc., Dee ver, Col.

C. W. CHADWICK
General Insurance Agent.
Agent for J. B. Grant & Co., Fort Packet.
Valuator for the Ajax Loan Permanent Loan and Savings Company.
Manager Electric Light, Telephone and Power Company (limited.)
AND COMMISSIONER.

NORMAN.

—The Record desires to fill these columns with Norman matters; the citizens can help us do it.

—Councillor Clarkson is authority for saying that the lumber business never was so brisk here as any previous season.

—A young man named Andrew Cowley had his hand hurt at the Bulmer mill on Tuesday. He will be off work for a short time.

—Rev. Mr. McLean, of Manitoba college, is filling Rev. Mr. Small's place for a time here, in charge of the Presbyterian congregation.

—In one day recently there were fifty-five cars of lumber shipped from the three stations of Keewatin, Norman and Rat Portage.

—The handsome French clock presented by the Norman Presbyterian congregation to Rev. R. and Mrs. Nairn was purchased from Messrs G. M. Brock & Co.

—From the Electric Light Co.'s works here 550 lights are now illuminated throughout the corporation. Though ever on the alert looking after his "pets," the engineer always has a pleasant greeting for visitors.

—The first arrival of Icelanders for the season took place this week when 112 adults accompanied by 48 children arrived by the Canadian Pacific railway for the Northwest. They will join the Icelandic settlements near Calgary. They were in charge of Baldwinson the Icelandic immigration interpreter and agent, who will proceed with them to their destination. The new comers were dressed in the costume of their country and attracted no little attention. They were in good circumstances, carrying their money for the most part in gold coin on person, and will embark in farming.

—The Brantford Expositor, edited by Mr. T. H. Preston, formerly of the Winnipeg Sun, says: "Nicholas Flood Davin is again chasing Minister of Interior Dewdney with a sharp stick. Like Chapleau, Davin has an idea that some one else is occupying a position that is his by divine right. Dewdney, it is true, does not amount to much. He is a political accident—due partly to the intimacy of his wife with Lady Macdonald, and partly to the fancied necessity of giving the wild and woolly west representation in the cabinet. But as between these two 'D's' the country will prefer to take the D it knows to the D it has never heard much about that is good."

Dominion Day Sports.

BIG SUCCESS.

Dominion Day, 1891, will be marked as a red letter day in the history of Rat Portage, and well it may be. A monster demonstration inaugurated the "first annual" regatta held here. Though strictly speaking it was not the first regatta held on the waters of the Lake of the Woods, the aquatic spirit is now so thoroughly developed, its yearly recurrence in future may be looked for. An energetic and efficient committee had been appointed at a meeting of citizens, and they left nothing undone that would contribute to the success of the occasion. They had the lake properly buoyed for all the sports, large seating accomodation arranged in full view on shore, judges stand erected, baseball grounds prepared, and every possible arrangement that could be made to contribute to the pleasure and accommodation of the visitors. A prize fund of $1000 had been raised, and a program of two days' sports prepared.

The St. Andrews Society of Winnipeg arranged for an excursion, and sold their full limit of tickets. Their train consisted of ten passenger coaches and one baggage car carrying seven hundred people, which after a run of four hours, steamed into Rat Portage a few minutes after twelve o'clock. At the gateway leading to the station the excursionists were greeted by an arch inscribed "Caed Mille Failte" and by a similar motto in Irish Gaelic at the junction of Fort and Main streets stretched between the stores of Mr. J. W. Humble and the H. R. Co. Our excellent hotels, the Hilliard, Russel, and Queen's, as well as other houses, were equal to the occasion of providing meals and accommodation for the large crowd.

THE REGATTA.

By two o'clock the bay in front of the town had assumed a very lively aspect, steamboats, sailing yachts, a coal oil yacht, row boats, canoes and every description of aquatic craft rode jauntily upon the water, and though in close proximity dodging each other fortunately no mishap occured to mar the days' proceedings. Every detail of the program having been previously arranged by the committee no time was lost on their part in bringing on the events.

THAT BASE BALL MATCH.

The base ball match between Winnipeg and Rat Portage drew a large crowd of interested spectators to the new grounds. When the teams mustered for play, it was very apparent that the prairie city had sent in one of its very strongest aggregations, and judging from the remarks heard upon all hands, and the manner in which big odds on the visitors were going begging, it it was pretty generally taken for granted that our boys' chances of making way with of a stand against the Western players were very shadowy indeed. Nay, many of the spectators went so far as to look upon the whole thing as something in the nature of a funeral in which the corpse was already nicely laid away, and only required to be jumped upon in order to bring things to a pleasant and perfectly satisfactory conclusion. The funeral however did not come off, instead we had a first rate and closely contested game of base ball, in which the home nine exhibited every bit as good all around form as did their opponents, and there is not the least doubt but that the agreement, which barred the Gallaghers from entering the pitcher's box, been strict and honorably adhered to, Winnipeg would of suffered a most ignominious defeat.

The teams "lined up" as follows:—

WINNIPEG.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W. Colter, c	0	x	1	0	x	1
J. Baker, p	1	x	n	1	x	0
J. Fuller, 1 b	0	x	0	1	x	0
E. Nicholson, 2 b	0	x	0	0	x	1
T. Drummond, 3 b	0	x	x	0	x	0
J. Fletcher, s. s	0	x	x	0	x	0
L.M. Gallagher l f	0	x	0	x	1	x
J. Gallagher, c f	0	x	0	1	x	1
P. E. Gallagher, r f	0	x	0	1	x	1
	1	0	1	1	5	2

RAT PORTAGE.	1	2	3	4	5
J. Cadden, c	0	x	1	1	x
T. Hardisty, p	0	x	1	0	x
J. Trumbly, 1 b	0	0	x	0	0
J. Courtney, 2 b	0	0	x	0	0
W. McVeigh, 3 b	1	0	x	0	x
W. Downing, s. s	1	0	x	0	x
A. E. Caslake, l f	0	x	1	0	x
D. Bonnig, c f	0	x	0	0	x
A. McQueen, r f	0	x	0	0	x
	4	1	0	0	0

It will be seen here that J. Baker figures here as the Winnipeg pitcher, and up to the fourth innings such was the case; but when that stage of the game was arrived at, with a showing of five runs to one in favor of Rat Portage, it suddenly began to dawn on the Gallager combination that a crushing defeat was staring them in the face. This would not do at all. Fancy the crack western nine, the easy winners in several North West International games, to be knocked out by a little one horse town like Rat Portage. Of course it would not do, and to stave off the impending defeat Gallagher, in agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, entered the pitcher's box and stayed there until the end of the play.

A great deal of fault has been found with the conduct of Downing in withdrawing from the game, but in our humble opinion he was under the circumstances, quite justified in doing so. If it was understood that the Winnipegs were to play a certain combination, they had no right to change that combination, when they were possibly picked out of sight. They might just as well brought on a new team. One thing is very certain, the nine that eventually won the match was altogether differently constituted from the one which in the opening game started out to mop the earth with the local players.

For the creditable showing which our nine made, great credit is due to the splendid pitching of Hardisty, who proved a veritable surprise party to the Winnipeg boys. Cadden appears to be a catcher who can hold his own with the best of them, and did splendidly. On first base Trumbly never missed a chance and was always on deck when wanted. Courtney did remarkably well on second. He is evidently a player of great experience. We have not sufficient space to individualize all the players, but the whole combination did well and put up such a record as we have every reason to be proud of.

In conclusion a word of thanks is due to the umpire Mr. Woods whose decisions were in every instance received without a murmur.

FORT WILLIAM.

Excitement runs high here over the great find of silver in the Slate River valley. People are crow ing out to see it, and it possible, to beg, borrow or buy specimens.

—We understand a syndicate has been formed for the purpose of building 20 or 30 houses payable on the instalment system, the rent to go towards purchasing the property; quite a few of the railway men are anxious to go in for it.

—Bush fires have been doing considerable damage in the neighborhood of the town. Had it not been for the prompt and effective work of our volunteer fire brigade two houses on Victoria avenue would certainly have fallen a victim to the flames.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

[Though somewhat late we feel it due to the excellency of the "flower show" and its novelty here to give space the following:]

One of those pleasing exhibitions that has been crowned with marked success in other towns was given in the curling rink here on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 19th and 20th, under the auspices of St. Alban's Church. Considered as the first of the kind attempted in this section, too much cannot be said of the display. The rink was tastefully decorated with evergreens and banners, but these paled before the immense and varied exhibition of rare and beautiful flowers, strange and varigated in color and heavely laden with a variety of sweet perfumes. The prizes were given for the best assortment, and were taken in the following order: 1st, silver cake basket, Mrs. D. V. Morrison; 2d, cruet stand, Mrs. Westgate; 3d, napkin ring, Mrs. Jos. Johnson. A flower from the Fort Rouge greenhouse, Winnipeg, given as a special prize, was won by Mrs. Jos. Johnson. The rink was well patronized on both evenings, and the treat appeared to be thoroughly appreciated. The judges were Messrs. P. H. Clark, P. U. Barebeau, J. W. Philbin and A. Carmichael. Great credit is due to Mr. P. Hobbs for the part he took in the management. Counters containing a luxurious display of fruits as well as ice cream, cakes and summer drinks were liberally patronized.

RECEPTION TO REV. MR. AND MRS. JAMIESON.

On Monday evening of last week, the 29th inst., the Methodist Congregation here met at the residence of Mr. P. H. Clark, and tendered Rev. W. N. and Mrs. Jamieson a reception, the occasion being their marriage, the happy couple having returned from the east on the previous Saturday. The early part of the evening was spent in social enjoyment, and it is needless to say that the host and hostess by their genuinely made all feel at their ease. The locomotive engineers and firemen of the C. P. R. were present in force and gave a practical demonstration of their appreciation of Rev. Mr. Jamieson's labors. Mr. Russel Woods on their behalf came forward and read the following address:

Rev. W. N. Jamieson, Zion Methodist Church, Rat Portage.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—We the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Rat Portage, desire, on this the occasion of your marriage, to express to you our good wishes.

Since coming here, your courteous and kindly bearing amongst us, as a citizen, and the friendship you have constantly shown us, as railway men have insured for you our heartiest good will.

We also feel that since your coming here we have derived very much benefit from your ministrations in Zion Methodist Church, Rat Portage, and hope that you may long be spared to minister to the spiritual wants of the people here.

We ask your acceptance of the accompanying Silver Tea Service as a token of our esteem.

And we join in wishing you and your estimable wife long life and happiness and pray that God's blessing may rest on you, wherever you may be called on to labor.

Rat Portage, June 23rd, 1891.

Archie McLeod,	J. Wilcox,
J. B. Baxter,	J. G. Daley,
J. M. Fleming,	F. Munt,
J. J. Sheridan,	W. Fuller,
A. E. Caslake,	E. F. Burpee,
H. M. McLeod,	Wm. Burrage,
Jos. Lewis,	Jos. Barnes,
J. Musgrove,	H. Sullivan,
J. Wellington,	Chas. Pope,
S. E. Wilson,	S. Middleton,
J. W. Taylor,	R. Woods,
W. Kendall,	H. Terrill,
G. Robinson,	T. G. Campbell,
J. H. Caslake,	Jos. Cross,
J. O. Dauphin,	J. Cadden,
H. McLeod,	P. L'heureux.
J. Deemer,	

The presentation was made by Archie McLeod, who suddenly discovered himself, bearing a very handsome silver tea service, which was beautifully engraved as follows: "Presented to Rev. W. N. and Mrs. Jamieson, by the Rat Portage engineers and firemen, on the occasion of their marriage, June 23, 1891."

Mr. Jamieson replied expressing his extreme astonishment at the presentation, and said he was very thankful that he had been drawn out toward the men who daily carried their lives in their hands in their dangerous calling. He was glad if he had been the channel through which blessing had flowed to them from the Source of all Good. He concluded by thanking them on behalf of Mrs. Jamieson and himself for their generous gift.

Ice cream, cake and fruit was served at a table, when the company separated greatly pleased with an evening so well and enjoyably spent.

RECEPTION TO MR. AND MRS. NAIRN.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the 30th inst., the Presbyterian congregations of Rat Portage and Norman gathered in the Music Hall and gave a public reception to Rev. R. and Mrs. Nairn, who had returned on the previous Saturday after their marriage in the east. Rev. Mr. Small, of Norman, called the gathering to order and requested Mr. W. D. Lyon to act as chairman. Mr. Lyon made a congratulatory and felicitous speech and concluded by calling on Mr. A. Carmichael, who came forward and read the following address:

To Rev. R. Nairn, B.A.

We, the members and adherents of Knox Church, Rat Portage, wish to take advantage of the happy occasion of your marriage to tender our congratulations, and to express our appreciation of your faithful services as pastor during the four years you have been amongst us.

At your coming, the church was not in a flourishing condition either numerically or financially, but under your ministrations the number of members has greatly increased and the heavy debt upon the church building has been almost entirely removed, while the spiritual life of the church has been quickened as the increased attendance at all the ordinances proves. These marked advances are due, to a very great extent to your earnest efforts and we now give public testimony of our appreciation of your valuable services.

We ask you to accept this Silver Tea Service as a slight token of our gratitude and esteem.

To Mrs. Nairn, we extend a cordial welcome, pleased to think that the Manse will now have a mistress, and hoping that she will feel that she has the best wishes of the congregation for her happiness and enjoyment.

To both pastor and bride we pledge our hearty co-operation in the cause of Christ and the work of the congregation, trusting that the divine blessing may rest upon our united efforts and that God may see fit to grant long life and good success to his two servants in the work of the ministry.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation.

Jacob Hose,
D. T. Ferguson,
Mrs. J. Baker,
Mrs. Matt. Brown,
Mrs. Richd. Hall.

The handsome silver tea service presented was beautifully engraved as follows: "Presented to Rev. R. and Mrs. Nairn, June 30th, 1891, by the congregation of Knox Church, Rat Portage on the occasion of their marriage."

Mr. John Kay, on behalf of the Norman congregation, next came forward and read the following address:

Rev. Robert Nairn, B.A.

In the name of the people of Norman and on the event of your marriage, we desire to show our regard and to congratulate you on the step you have taken, trusting it will prove one of the wisest you have ever taken.

We have known you for a long time and have appreciated your faithful services amongst us as a minister of the Church of Christ, and now on this occasion we come forward, giving to you the right hand of welcome as a one who has taken upon himself the responsibilities of real life.

We also extend to Mrs. Nairn a cordial welcome, praying that in the providence of God, she may be long spared as a useful helpmate to you in the work of the ministry amongst us.

With this address we ask you to accept this Time Piece as a mark of our appreciation of your services at Norman.

It is our earnest wish that you and your beloved wife may enjoy a long life of mutual helpfulness to each other and of good success in the great work to which you have been called.

Signed, J. B. Davies,
T. H. Davidson.
John Kay.

The clock presented was a superior French time piece.

Rev. Mr. Nairn replied in a happy strain expressing his surprise at so much kindness being manifested towards him. He said there were times when ones feelings were such as to prevent them being given proper expression. While watering his flock a vision fairer than Rebecca crossed his path and lifted him out of the cheerless, dull and monotonous state of bachelordom, and he advised all those in that condition to follow his example and go and do likewise. He hoped when he got settled in the manse to make it such a cheerful place that his people would be glad to go there, and gave all an invitation to call. He concluded by thanking them from the bottom of his heart for their great kindness.

The chairman then called on Miss Alexander, who recited in her inimitable style "Saunders McLashen's Courtship." After refreshments the company dispersed in a pleased and happy mood.

THE NORTHWEST.

—The weather has been unusually favorable for the country. The frequent showers have greatly benefitted the crops of all kinds, and old settlers say we are now in for a repetition of the good seasons which welcomed the pioneers to our great North West.

—Delegates from the various Liberal Conservative Associations in East Assiniboia, met at Qu'Appelle on the 29th ult., when business of importance to the party was transacted. The Delegates were entertained at a dinner at the Queen's Hotel in the evening.

—The great Temperance Picnic which was to have been held at Qu'Appelle on Dominion Day was indefinitely postponed, owing to the inability of the C. P. R. to provide special facilities. It was a great disappointment to a host of people (Temperance sympathisers and others) in all parts of the Province, as the Picnic had been looked forward to with much pleasure. However, if arrangements can be made, the Picnic will be held later on when we hope to have a very large crowd, though not as many as would have availed themselves of it, had it been held on our great National Holiday.

—The Manitoba and Northwest members, accompanied by D. H. Gilmour of Winnipeg, waited on Premier Abbot last Friday to urge that a subsidy be granted the Qu'Appelle and Wood Mountain railway upon the same terms as the aid granted other colonization roads, like the Regina and Long Lake and the Calgary and Edmonton, viz.: Eighty thousand a year for twenty years in return for the carriage of mails and Government supplies, with the provisions that the grant will be secured to the Government withholding one third of the land grant. The railway runs from Qu'Apelle Station to the head of Lake Winnipeg, and apart from its utility for colonization purposes, will prove a valuable connection of the Hudson Bay road.

—Everyone is looking forward to the building of the railroad to the Souris coal fields. It will be the turning point in the history of that part of the territories. A considerable number of new settlers have taken up land this summer. There is plenty left yet, however, and anyone wishing to get a homestead will be consulting his own interest by taking a trip through the district before locating elsewhere. The land is unexcelled by any in the Northwest, and its nearness to the coal fields is a matter of no small importance in a country where wood is so scarce and so much fuel required. There have been thousands of tons of this coal mined for the use of settlers during the past eight years so that there can be no doubt of its suitableness for domestic purposes. The best coal has not been touched yet. That which has been mined has been dug out of the sides of ravines.

—The Mail, in an editorial on Dewdney's bill dealing with Northwest questions, says: "If argument in favor of the Territories freedom in matter of liquor licenses, why could it not follow the same policy in respect of schools. This course is the more necessary seeing that the Territories for many years will be but sparsely settled, and the double system intolerable as it is is more thickly populated districts—will be aggravated by that circumstances. But the proceedings now taken place in respect to Manitoba separate schools are an added argument in favor of liberty. The Manitoba constitution is quoted as a treaty with the church from which Canada cannot recede. We may be sure that in the process of the years the same interpretation will be placed upon the North west law. There ought to be no more alleged treaties of this nature but every new province—seeing that the British North America Act give the province exclusive rights so far as education is concerned—ought to be left to deal with this subject unfettered by any understanding with powers ecclesiastical or by any enactment passed by the Federal parliament.

KEEWATIN.

This page of THE RECORD is reserved for Keewatin news and advertisements, and we think we can fill it in that way when we get running smoothly; watch it.

—Pure Gold Roberts is camping here near the residence of Mr. E. Newel.

—Mr. J. G. Clark has been using new potatoes from his garden the past fortnight.

—Mr. Dick and Mrs. Banning and family have arrived to remain for the summer.

—Miss Minnie Armstrong, of Winnipeg, is here on a visit with Mr. S. Hunter of the H. B. Co.

—Mrs. Mulock and family, of Winnipeg, are staying at the Anderson House for a summer vacation.

—A horse fell off a tramway in Messrs. Dick & Banning's mill yard one day last week and was injured so bad that he had to be killed.

—The Keewatin Milling Co. are about to erect a stave factory on the Rainy River where there is excellent timber for staves.

—Messrs. Dick & Banning's mill is now running night and day, a night gang having been put on last week.

—The latest report in reference to the Mather lease is that the Keewatin Lumber Co. have secured the ownership of Tunnel Island.

—Miss Bella Newall and Miss Ollie Clark attended the teacher's examination at Rat Portage last week. They wrote for third class certificates.

—The McLarens and their families have taken possession of Capt. Brereton's bungalow at Cross Lake for a summer outing, and the Captain is tenting.

—The Methodists have decided to side up and paint their church. It is hoped to be completed by the end of the month, when they propose to hold reopening services and a public entertainment of some kind.

KEEWATIN COUNCIL.

The Court of Revision for the municipality of Keewatin was held in the Court House, Keewatin, on Thursday, the 9th inst., with the following members present: D. L. Mather, Reeve, and R. A. Mather, S. Hunter and H. Burton.

The following appeals were disposed of: Robt. Evans and G. H. Kelly, income assessment of $700 each. Allowed. James Fraser, assessment reduced from $1800 to $1200. P. Campbell, assessment reduced from $450 to $250.

The following names were added as tenants, viz: F. Czerwinski, A. Ritchie, J. J. Hill, A. Reckie.

The following names remained on the list, but the qualifications were changed, as the assessed parties moved to other premises since the assessment was made: W. H. Booth, James Courtney.

About 20 names were added to the roll under the manhood franchise act.

After the Court of Revision had finished its business a meeting of the Council was held, at which the assessment as reported by the Court of Revision was confirmed, the pay roll for June passed and arrangements made for the collection of poll tax at once.

WHAT THE RECORD WILL DO.

It will track railway topics.

It will prospect for mining news.

It will drive lumbering matters.

It will give grists of milling items.

It will give pleasure to our summer visitors.

It will paddle for boating and marine paragraphs.

It will whirl the advantages and importance of our Lake of the Woods water power.

It will be printed so that it can be read.

It will endeavor to be a credit to the district.

It will endeavor to merit a welcome entrance into every house.

It will make the interests of the trio towns its chief policies.

It will be pleased to receive any item of local news from anybody.

It will prepare and publish each week three times as much original reading matter in reference to the trio towns and district as any paper heretofore printed here.

RAINY RIVER RIPPLES.

—Marine circles are stirred at present by hymenial rumors.

—Mr. H. F. Holmes, of Rat Portage, was here on a business trip last week.

—The steamer Maple Leaf is kept very busy this season, towing logs, and in other ways.

—The machinery of the steamer Percy Sutherland has been sent to Mr. Philips at Rat Portage for repairs.

—The crops all along the river are well advanced and the farms present a splendid appearance.

—Mr. Stinson is building an addition to and remodelling his hotel at Fort Francis. He keeps a first class house. It is surprising the table he sets, 160 miles from a railway. Mr Scott also runs a well-kept house, and both places are doing a good business.

—Mr. R. J. N. Pither, now of Rat Portage, directed the payments of the treaty money to the Indians in this agency, Mr. Cushing who was sent here to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. McCracken, being unfamiliar with the work on account of the short time he has been here.

—The most anxious enquiry of navigators of the Rainy River is "Why has not the government spent its appropriation for the improvement of the rapids for the passage of the larger craft." Steamers are at much loss of time and money, frequently, breaking their lines in endeavoring to warp over the Manitou and Long Sault.

—Other reports to the contrary notwithstanding, the majority of Mr. Locking's immigrants are well satisfied. They say so themselves. That complaints have been made is true, but only by a few, and they are becoming more contented. A party of settlers would be a happy one, indeed if it had not an odd grumbler amongst it. They are looking forward hopefully to the future, and no doubt will prove a valuable acquisition to the settlement.

—The steamer Highland Maid on her last trip had on board Mr. E. C. Pardee son of the late Minister of Ontario Crown Lands; Mr. C. D. McDonald, of the Commercial Bank, Winnipeg; Mr. Wm. Margach, of the Crown Timber Department; Mr. R. J. N. Pither, Indian Agent; R. W. deLambert, of Brainerd, Min.; Mr. H. F. Holmes, manager for Jas. Robertson & Co., hardware merchants, of Rat Portage; Mr. W. Fair, Mrs. Fair and daughter and others. They all say they were delighted at the accomodation and attention given them during the trip made under the guidance of Capt. Mosher.

WHAT THE RECORD WILL NOT DO.

It will not assume that the town is run for its special benefit.

It will not pad its columns or give away space to make a show.

It will not profess to be "Independent in politics"—all on one side.

It will not allow its columns to be used as a vent for personal feeling.

It will not examine its advertising columns before admitting an item of news.

It will not foster local jealousies nor in any way manifest a sectional spirit.

It will not tolerate delay in the delivery of its copies by the postal authorities or other carriers.

It will not run dead advertisements for years, months or even weeks merely to make a paper of size.

It will not knowingly permit references directly or indirectly to private affairs that do not concern the public.

It will not send papers except sample copies to any one who has not subscribed, and then practice the "stand and deliver" policy of firing the newspaper law at him to make him pay up.

—In reply to an influential deputation the British minister of agriculture, Mr. Chaplin, made an important statement respecting the Cattle Trade bill. He denied the bill would, or could, affect the price of meat. The sole object was to prevent cattle while crossing the Atlantic experiencing the horrible sufferings recently disclosed, and to compel a very small minority of bad ship owners to do what good ship owners already did. If the bill could not be passed this session he would issue further regulations under the existing power of the board after a conference with the ship owners. His duty was to prevent animals suffering and he intended to do his utmost to discharge his duty however strongly he might be opposed.

THE REDUCTION WORKS.

The thorough test so successfully applied to the Reduction Works machinery on the 6th inst. marks another era in the history of the development of our great mineral wealth. True, the annoying and oft repeated delays in the completion of the Works have been the cause of grumbling and adverse criticism; but, after all we have every reason to congratulate ourselves and the promoters of the enterprise upon the happy termination of their labors. There is no doubt but that the building of such a complete establishment for the treatment of ore (the only one of its kind in the Dominion) has served to advertise and draw outside attention to the advantage of this district as a mineral producing country. There is no cause without an effect and the fact of a work of this kind being carried on here, has stirred up outside capital to inquire into the why and the wherefore of it all. These enquiries have lately been pushed to an extent that the average citizen has little conception of, and already we see in the proposed working of the Sultana mine a powerful argument in favor of the exercise of a little push and enterprise in the advertising of our great natural resources. All this however, while undeniably true, is somewhat of a side issue compared with the important fact that we now have in our midst one of the very best means for treating ore of all kinds, that science and experience can suggest. Let is hope that it will be enabled to perform its share of the good work in helping Lake of the Woods on, to a leading position among the mining centres of this continent. A full description of the works and the process of treating gold and silver ores will appear in our next issue.

THE SULTANA MINE.

That the Sultana mine is about to be worked for all it is worth seems almost too good to be true, but such we are given to understand is undoubtedly the case, and we may as a consequence confidently look for a natural change for the better in the mining prospects of the whole district. This follows as a matter of course, as nothing could more tend to stiffen the values of mineral properties than the successful developing and operating of a valuable indication such as the Sultana unquestionably is. Of course it all depends upon the results obtained, but of this we have no fear, and do not hesitate to predict the opening up of several other mines before the close of the season. The leading spirit in these proposed operations is Mr. Jeff Hildreth, who has worked energetically to bring this particular matter to its present forward state. Just now the intentions are to erect a large boarding house on the Sultana island, calculated to accomodate twenty-five men also a building to contain a twenty stamp power engine a ten stamp mill with concentrators and arrestor pans, and a pump and boiler house. The scheme includes the laying of a double tramway, which will start at the shaft of the mine and run to the mill which will be situated about one hundred and fifty feet below, landing the ore into sheds prepared for receiving it. In operating the road the weight of the descending loaded trucks will be utilized to draw up the returning empties to the mouth of the shaft. Our readers will join with us in wishing every success to the pluckiest and most promising attempt which has yet been made at developing the mineral wealth of this district. At the outset a ten stamp mill will be used, but as the engine is qualified to operate a twenty stamp mill, the additional ten stamps will be placed in position as required. It is in connection with this scheme that Mr. Hildreth became the purchaser of the steam launch Regina, late of Winnipeg, and which will now be used here on business matters relating to the mine. As we have before indicated the scheme is by far the most elaborate and important which has ever been formulated in the district, and is deserving of every success. The beneficial effect it cannot fail to have upon the future of Rat Portage can hardly be overestimated, and for this reason alone Mr. Hildreth is deserving of every encouragement and the hearty thanks from our citizens. Mr. J. F. Caldwell, of Winnipeg, is the owner of the Sultana mine.

—A large deputation of Ontario Senators and M.P.'s and Hugh John Macdonald waited on the Minister of the Interior to ask the appointment of a commissioner to adjust the affairs of the Temperance Colonization society with the object of securing an equitable distribution of the assets among the stock-holders. A sub-committee of the deputation was subsequently appointed to lay all the facts before Mr. Dewdney.

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NOTICE

THE following is a summary of the Regulations with respect to the manner of recording claims for MINERAL LANDS other than Coal Lands, and the conditions governing the purchase of the same.

Any person may explore vacant Dominion Lands not appropriated or reserved by Government for other purposes, and may search therein, either by surface or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining a mining location for the same but no mining location shall be granted until actual discovery has been made of the vein, lode, or deposit of mineral or metal within the limits of the location of claim.

A location for mining, except for Iron or Petroleum, shall not be more than 1,500 feet in length, nor more than 600 feet in breadth. A location for mining Iron or Petroleum shall not exceed 160 acres in area.

On discovering a mineral deposit any person may obtain a mining location, upon marking out his location on the ground in accordance with the regulations in that behalf, and filing with the Agent of Dominion Lands for the district, within sixty days from discovery, an affidavit in form prescribed by Mining Regulations, and paying at the same time an office fee of five dollars, which will entitle the person so recording his claim to enter into possession of the location applied for.

At any time before the expiration of five years from the date of recording his claim, the claimant may, upon filing proof with the Local Agent that he has expended $500 in actual mining operations on the claim, by paying to the Local Agent therefor $5 per acre, cash, and a further sum of fifty dollars to cover the cost of survey, obtain a patent for said claim, as provided in the said Mining Regulations.

Copies of the Regulations may be obtained upon application to the Department of the Interior.

A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, July, 1891. 37

SALE.

TENDERS will be received by the Department of the Interior, up to Tuesday the 30th June next, for the purchase of the Northwest quarter of section 32, Township 2, Range 22, West of the first Principal Meridian, containing about 186 acres, on which there is a dwelling house and other improvements.

Terms of sale are one-fifth cash and the balance in four equal annual instalments, with interest at six per cent.

A cheque on a chartered bank for the amount of the first instalment, payable to the order of the Deputy Minister of the Interior, must accompany the tender.

No tender by telegraph will be entertained.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

By order,
JOHN R. HALL,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

NOTE.—The above sale is postponed until Friday, the 31st July next.